GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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RAM SETU STONES
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that ancient stones of the Ram Setu are available in many States of the country, especially in Giridih district of Jharkhand and these stones float on water like a paper boat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to the experts the aforesaid ancient stones were part of the Ram Setu till 1480 (B.C.) and British expert C.D. Maclin has mentioned this in his book `Manual of the Administration of the Madras Presidency` published in 1903; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) The 'Manual of the Administration of the Madras Presidency' edited by C.D. Maclean and first published in 1885 makes a mention of Ram Sethu and the line of rocks which were carried from Himalayas. However, Archaeological Survey of India is not aware of any expert opinion or evidence linking the Giridih or any other ancient stones with Ram Setu.